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MS: AMENDMENT Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on November 1, 2004 in connection with the above-identified patent application, please enter the following amendments, and consider the following arguments. This response is timely filed within the shortened statutory period and therefore no fees are deemed necessary.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.